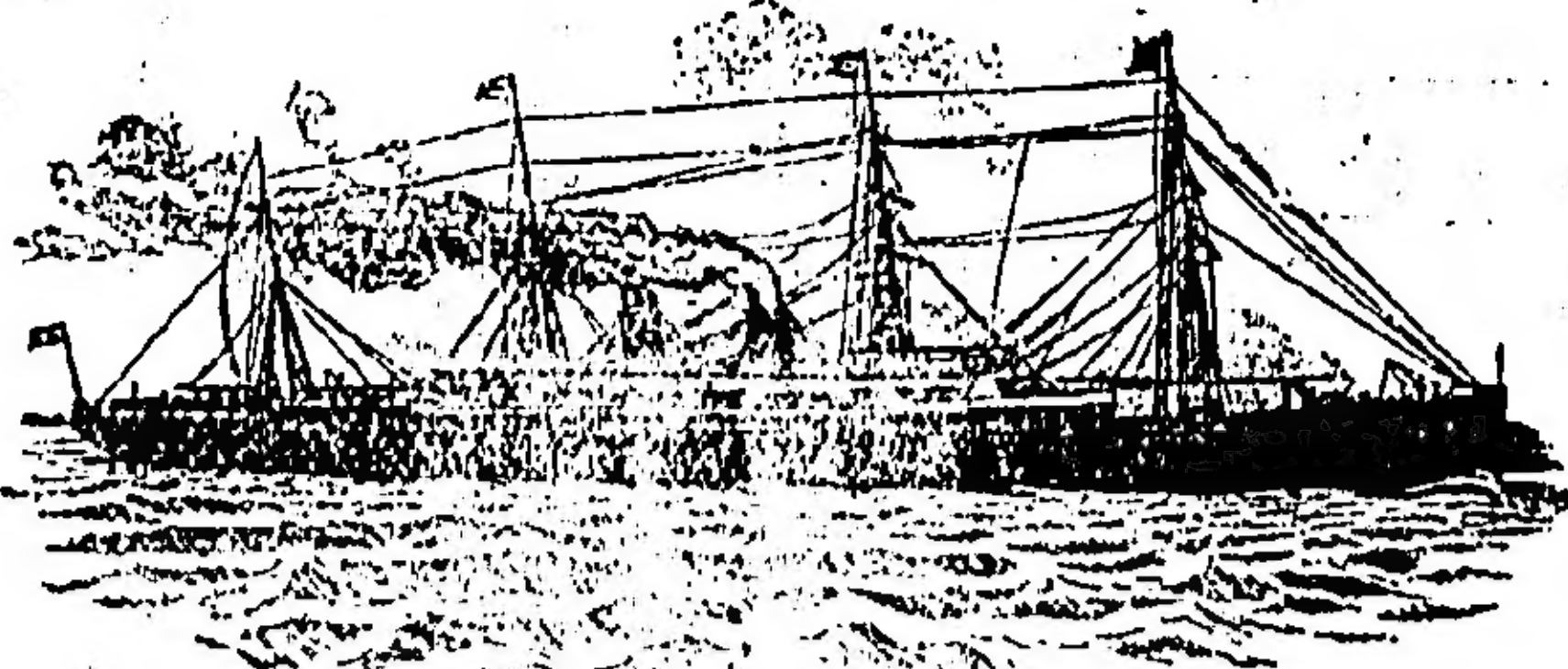


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"SIBERIA"	11,276 "	SATURDAY, 19th March, at Noon.
"CHINA"	5,060 "	TUESDAY, 5th April, at Noon.
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"EMPERESS OF CHINA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 23rd March.
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ADRIAN	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	5th April.
SUEVIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	19th April.

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Hongkong, 5th February, 1904.

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Hongkong, 25th January, 1904.

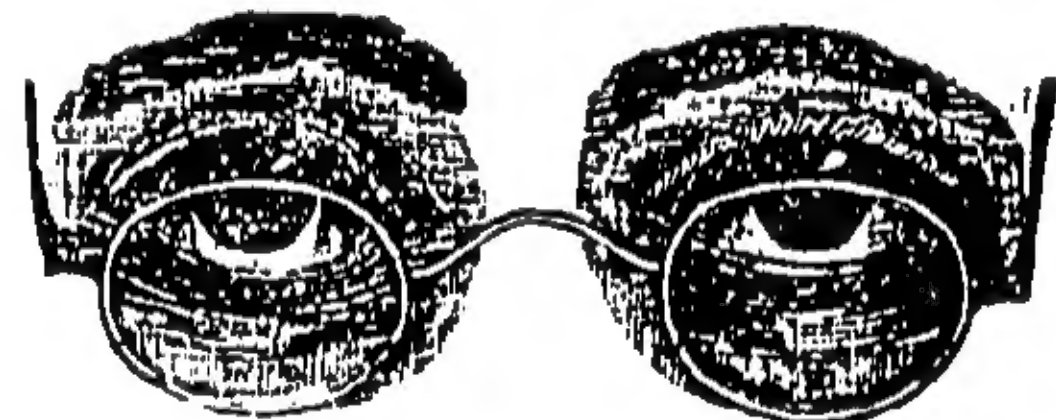
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Yokohama, May 11th, 1903.

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Hongkong, 2nd July, 1900.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
will be held at THE HONGKONG HOTEL
on FRIDAY, the 19th February, at 5:30 o'clock
P.M., for the purpose of passing the Accounts
for the Year 1903, and electing a Committee
and Officers for the Present Year.MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1904.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDIN-
ARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the
SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation
will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on
SATURDAY, the 20th day of FEBRUARY,
at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the
Report of the Court of Directors together with
a Statement of Accounts to 31st December,
1903.By Order of the Court of Directors,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1904.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.NOTICE is hereby given that the RE-
GISTER of SHARES of the Corporation
will be CLOSED from SATURDAY,
the 6th to the 20th day of FEBRUARY, (both
days inclusive), during which period no Transfer
of Shares can be registered.By Order of the Court of Directors,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1904.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING of SHARE-
HOLDERS in the above Company, will be
held at the OFFICES of the Company, Pedder's
Street, on SATURDAY, the 5th day of MARCH,
1904, at 12 o'clock (NOON) to receive a State-
ment of Accounts to 31st December, 1903, and
the Report of the General Managers and to
elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 20th February to
the 5th March, both days inclusive.JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 9th February, 1904.

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION
OF HONGKONG.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IT is hereby notified that FIRE INSUR-
ANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for
the Transaction of Public Business on TUES-
DAY and WEDNESDAY, the 16th and 17th
instant, respectively.By Order,
A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1904.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Government Notification
No. 74 of 5th February, 1904, the EX-
CHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the
Transaction of Public Business on TUESDAY
and WEDNESDAY, the 16th and 17th instant,
respectively.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1904.

NOTICE.

THE SECOND ANNUAL SHOW of
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and 18th FEBRUARY, 1904. This Show was
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His Excellency the late Governor, Sir HENRY
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ages. Admission to the ground will be free.
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J. D. LOGAN,
Director.DAVID,
Hon. Secretary.

Kowloon Hotel.

NOTICE.

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FEBRUARY next HORSES and
PONIES not entered for the FORTHCOM-
ING RACES will not be allowed on the RACE
or TRAINING COURSE between the Hours of
6 and 8 A.M.Members may exercise unentered Horses on
Ponies after 8 A.M. on the Training Course.By Order,
T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1904.

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Hongkong, 8th January, 1904.

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HONGKONG, 13th March, 1903.

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BIRTH.

On the 8th February, at Pandry, Bubbling Well Road, Shanghai, the wife of CHARLES R. Shaw, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

On the 1st Feb., at Afghan Memorial Church, Colaba, Bombay, by the Rev. H. W. Nelson, ALBERT VICTOR REYNOLDS, of Rose & Co., Bombay, to ANNIE AMELIA (EMILY) ROBINSON, of Singapore.

On the 6th February, at 122, Rue Palikao, Shanghai, by the Rev. Young J. Allen, D.D., LL.D., the Rev. ALBERT C. BOWEN to Miss JEANNE SANDERS, both of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

DEATH.

On the 4th February, at Hangchow, MALCOLM FINLEY, youngest child of the Rev. J. C. and Mrs. Garritt, aged 8 months.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1904.

THE POLICY OF GREAT BRITAIN.

A home correspondent writes that he has high authority for stating that a Note has been, or is about to be, communicated to the various Powers by Lord Lansdowne, as Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, regarding the possibility of common action in the event of war breaking out between Japan and Russia. Such action, he says, would cover the general protection of Western lives, property and interests, special ships of each Power being detailed for the purpose; but it would not affect, and would not be intended to affect, any particular policy which, outside these purposes, any Power might wish to pursue. France, Italy, and the United States, it is understood, will cordially respond to the ideas contained in the British Note thus indicated. When the mail left home there was considerable anxiety there as to the attitude of Great Britain in the event of hostilities breaking out between the two Far Eastern Powers. As we have already pointed out on several occasions, the policy of England in such a contingency is strictly defined by the recent alliance with Japan, by which we are bound to help the Mikado's Empire if another power comes to the assistance of the Muscovite. We were informed yesterday, by a proclamation of the King's representative, that Great Britain will, in the meantime, observe the strictest neutrality. She will doubtless continue to do so until the end of the war, as the possibility of another Power joining Russia is so remote that its consequences need scarcely be discussed. Supposing, however, that the Japanese fleets suffered annihilation, and the Land of the Rising Sun was ready to throw down its arms to Russia a very serious question would arise. As *The Times* and several other journals pointed out on the 8th ult., the whole question of the balance of power in the Far East would then be at stake. Russia, triumphant and predominant, would be a most formidable menace to British prestige, influence and commercial interests in the whole of the Western Pacific; but from the opening results of hostilities, Japan seems far from being obliterated, and the contingency suggested is not likely to arise. Should, however, Great Britain have occasion to insist upon the security of her interests in the Far East, it is of moment to note that the British fleet on the China Station is at present one of the strongest in the navy. The battleships include the *Albion*, flying the flag of the Rear-Admiral, the Hon. A. G. Curzon-Howe, C.M.G., the *Centurion*, the *Glory*, with the flag of the Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Sir Cyprian A. G. Bridge, K.C.B., the *Ocean*, and the *Vengeance*. In addition to these, the fleet comprises five armoured cruisers, including the *King Alfred*, which is hourly expected, but which we understand is to return home, a strong force of protected cruisers and a destroyer flotilla. We believe we are correct in saying that at no previous time has the British fleet in these waters had the strength it now possesses, nor has it ever been so well equipped in men and material. There is a probability of not only a considerable addition being made to the squadron, but—and perhaps particularly to the attaching of expert naval officers to Japan. The latter measures, however, would be adopted not necessarily as antagonistic to Russia, but as a precaution made requisite by the Anglo-Japanese alliance, it being simply intended that the experts should report home as to the condition and prospects of the Japanese navy and its extent to which Japan might require our aid, moral or material, should the necessity unfortunately arise.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

POLICE regulations in connection with traffic, etc., at the forthcoming races have been published.

DOGS brought from Shanghai will not be permitted to land in the Colony for a period of six months from to-day.

CAPT. D. McDonald, of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps, has been granted leave of absence for four months from the 12th March next.

THE name of Dr. D. R. Paul, of 3, Gravelly Terrace, Kowloon, has been added to the register of medical and surgical practitioners qualified to practise medicine and surgery in the Colony.

VIC Admiral Sir Gerard H. U. Noel, K.C.M.G., K.C.B., the new British Commander-in-Chief on the China Station in succession to Admiral Sir Cyprian Bridge, left London on Feb. 5, per P. and O. steamer *Montgolfier*, for Hongkong.

THE Japanese is busy casting hard words at the "Jap." He calls him "Yellow" and a "Monkey." It may be remembered that the Chinese began their disastrous campaign in 1894 with similar epithets, amongst which *wo-jen* figured largely.

LORD Charles Bessford met with a somewhat serious hunting accident in Northamptonshire last month and sustained a slight concussion of the brain. He is now progressing favourably, but is still confined to the country house where he was staying at the time of the accident.

A CORRESPONDENT at Johannesburg telegraphs to the *Standard* that the opponents of Chinese labour in that city comprise half a dozen men with a comparatively small stake in the land. Disorder, he adds, is far more likely to result from English intervention in Transvaal affairs than from local opposition.

ONE of the four or five existing unused copies of the 2d. blue Mauritius stamps of 1847, wrongly engraved "Post Office" instead of "Post Paid," was sold at Messrs. Puttick and Simpson's on 13th ult. for £1,450. It belonged to Mr. James Bonar, of Hampstead, who over 40 years ago bought it for a few pence while at school.

ON Monday afternoon on the Happy Valley the Hongkong Football Club will play H.M.S. *Cressy*. Kick-off at half-past four. The following will play for the Club:—A. N. Other, goal; H. C. Austen, and E. F. Annot, backs; H. C. Gray, J. W. C. Bonnar, and C. T. Kew, halves; W. H. Williams, C. R. S. Cooper, R. Hancock, R. A. Whitmore, and J. D. Danby forwards.

A NEW steamer built to the order of the French Asiatic Company and destined for service between Marseilles and China, has been launched at Gravelly. The vessel's net tonnage is 8,000 tons and her engines are of 3,100 h.p. Her funnels are adapted for the consumption of either oil or coal and special arrangements have been made in her fittings for the transportation of about 2,000 troops.

REMARKABLE statements were made in the Whitaker Wright trial. The "system" of the London and Globe Corporation in dealing with shares was shown to be that of treating the value at par though the market price might be much higher. In the promotion of the British American Company the Globe made a profit of £350,000. For a loan of £25,000 for two days the company paid £500.

THE *Standard's* Brussels correspondent says that representatives of the United States and Belgian interests in the Hankow and Canton Railways have signed an agreement by which the interests will be separated and the railway divided into two sections, the Belgians to control the northern section and the Americans the southern section. The board of directors will be composed of Belgians and Americans in equal proportion.

A CONTEMPORARY states that the Admiralty are so impressed with the success of the British type of submarine, of which there are 19 built or building, that they intend to include in the new shipbuilding programme orders for a number of other boats. It is now stated that the Admiralty are contemplating the construction of a large flotilla at the earliest possible date. It is proposed to build 27 more submarines in batches of nine at a time, and to complete them with as much celerity as possible.

IN view of the approaching Chinese New Year, the Captain Superintendent of Police has been authorised to give permission for crackers to be fired in certain streets at stipulated times. These are set forth in the *Government Gazette*. No burning cracker or other fire is to be thrown above the head or near any person or inflammable material, and all reasonable precaution must be taken against accident, as every one is liable for damage arising from his carelessness. The police will have strict orders to summon or arrest persons firing crackers in contravention of the restrictions.

THE current issue of *Commercial Intelligence* contains an article by a travelling correspondent in the Far East, who gives an alarming account of the antagonism between the mercantile community of Hongkong and the government body there, owing, it is alleged, to the perversity and obstructiveness of the latter. One result thereof is the suspension of the Hongkong tramway construction work. Another matter complained of is the superintention of British iron and steel by German and Belgian manufacturers, owing to the growth of German commercial power.

THE A.D.C. gave a full dress rehearsal of "His Excellency" at the City Hall last night, at which there was a very large attendance. Pressure on our space obliges us to hold a description and criticism till our next issue.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Netherlands Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

Poultry Guild ... \$200
Salt Fish Guild ... 200

THE two Cuban youths who recently passed through Hongkong on their tour around the world "the best way they can," have reached San Francisco. In the course of an interview they described this Colony as "the worst place we had ever been in." Very gratifying news, too.

THE Messageries Maritimes has written pointing out, with reference to the statement in our issue last night regarding the accommodation on the *Yarra*, that although a good many cabins have been actually engaged in the Northern ports, there remain on board the steamer several vacant rooms which can be reserved for intending passengers from Hongkong.

THE steamer *Foo Shing*, recently completed by Swan, Hunter and Wigham Richardson (Ltd.), for the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company (Ltd.), has sailed, under the command of Capt. Arthur, from the Tyne after a successful trial trip. The vessel is 210 ft. in length by 42 ft. beam, is fitted for European and Chinese passengers, and intended for service on the China coast. She is fitted with the most modern and approved appliances for working cargo.

ON January 23rd the *Financial News* attained its 20th birthday and the editor has sent out a copy of the anniversary number. It is tastefully yet brilliantly printed in colours, with a cover designed by E. Fuchs and poetry by Lewis Morris. The articles deal with the finance, progress in arts and sciences, legislation, railways and trade of two decades. Nearly half the 40 pages are devoted to Colonial finance and industry. "Our Indian Empire" by J. Barr Robertson and "Chinese Finance" by M. H. Houston, Manager of the Imperial Bank of China, referring to the Far East.

THE marriage of Miss Ethel Durston, daughter of Sir John Durston, K.C.B., Engineer-in-Chief of the Fleet, to Mr. Herbert Price, of Hongkong, was solemnised on 13th ult. at All Saints' Church, Blackheath, in the presence of a large gathering of friends. The service was fully choral. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of white satin veiled in chiffon and draped with Brussels lace. There were four bridesmaids, Miss Winifred Durston (the bride's sister), Miss May Herbert, and Miss Constance and Miss Adele Mitchell. Mr. J. H. Hutchinson acted as best man. Many naval officers were present at the ceremony. The honeymoon will be passed in Egypt.

NOT long since we called attention to the residence of Miss Kate Carl (a sister of Mr. Carl, of the Chinese Customs Service) in the Imperial Palace at Peking. It appears that when she was presented to the Dowager-Empress that Imperial lady took a violent fancy to her, and insisted on her taking up her abode in a suite of rooms in the palace. Here, the first Englishwoman who ever stayed within the sacred precincts, she is waited upon hand and foot. The highest Court officials are obliged to kow-tow to her, and she takes high precedence. Miss Carl, who, as we have before stated, is an artist, is painting three large portraits of her hostess, one of which will shortly be ready for despatch to the St. Louis Exposition.

THE main feature of the Mexican Currency Reform, as suggested by the Monetary Commission, which recently reported, are:—New dollars are to be introduced into circulation without impairing the practical maintenance of their parity with gold with the ratio that may be adopted. The Government is to close the mints to the free coinage of silver dollars and reimportation of the present pesos is to be prohibited. It is recommended that ratio of the new dollar to gold shall be established on the basis of the average gold price of the Mexican pesos in the foreign markets during the past ten years, with an increase not exceeding 10 per cent. Gold coinage is recommended to be suspended until such time as the silver dollars shall have obtained a parity with gold, and when the circulation of gold coins will not, in the opinion of the Government, impair the maintenance of that parity. The new dollars for a specified time are to be exchanged for pesos at par. If the gold price of silver in foreign markets shall rise, so that silver dollars shall come to possess a value equal, or greater, than ascribed to them by the legal ratio adopted, steps will be taken to demonetise the silver dollars and to introduce a gold standard with free coinage and the use of the yellow metal as the medium of circulation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council will be held on Friday next:—

BUSINESS.

1. Financial Minutes. (Nos. 8 to 12.)
2. Report of the Finance Committee. (No. 1.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Prepared Opium Ordinance, 1891.
Committee on the Bill entitled An Ordinance to provide for the Recovery of Charges incurred by the Colony on account of certain imbecile persons introduced into the Colony.
R. F. JOHNSON, Acting Clerk of Council.

OUR NEW GOVERNOR.

The definite date of the departure from his present post on the Gold Coast of Sir Matthew Nathan, K.C.M.G., the new Governor of Hongkong, is not yet fixed, but it is expected his Excellency will leave the West Coast in about a month's time. He will make some short stay in this country before proceeding, and would thus probably reach Hongkong early in the summer.—*L. & C. Express.*

TIRE TOPICS.

Times this morning were as follows:—

Algerine—1 mile—1.23, 2.01, 2.40, 3.18, 3.52, 4.24 1/5.
"Sine" 1 mile—Teaboy (2)—last 1 mile—35, 4.10, 1.43 3/5, 2.15 1/5.
"Ct" 1 mile—1.39.
Museum and Stirling—1 mile—36, 1.08, 1.44, 2.10 1/5, 2.55.
Pander—1 mile—38, 1.12 2/5, 1.47, 2.22, 2.56 4/5, 3.32, 4.07 2/5.
Arranpook and Beattie—last 1/2 mile missed.
Yellow Skin and Mince Pie—1 mile—38, 1.16 3/5, 1.52 3/5, 2.26 3/5.
Rocket—1 mile—36, 1.10, 1.45, 2.19 3/5, 2.54 3/5, 3.29 2/5.
Ranc Kose—1 mile—last 1/2, 35 1/2, 1.07 2/5.
Vancouver—1 mile—41 3/5, 1.18 3/5, 1.53, 2.29 2/5, 3.05 2/5, 3.39 3/5, 4.12 2/5.
Dandy—last 1/2, 35 1/2, 1.10, 1.44 1/2.
Remount—not taken.
Rajah and Polka—1 mile—35 1/2, 1.10, 1.43, 2.14 1/2.
Chantqua—last 1/2 mile, 35, 1.08 1/2, 1.46 2/5.
Pech and Zuffall—1 mile—time missed.
Aladdin and Disco—1 mile—38 3/5, 1.15 3/5, 1.50 1/2, 2.26, 3.01, 3.35 1/2, 4.09 1/2.
Rebel King—1 mile—39 3/5, 1.16 2/5, 1.51, 2.28 2/5, 3.04 3/5, 3.39 3/5, 4.13 2/5.
Chesai—1 mile—2.47 3/5.
La France Rose—1 mile—38, 1.11, 1.45, 2.19 1/2, 2.53 1/2, 3.28.
Persistence and Vidilicet—1 mile—35, 1.09, 1.44, 2.20.
Rex and Royal—1 mile—36, 1.14, 1.48, 2.21.
Talbot's time was missed.
Daybreak and Discovery—1 mile—36, 1.09 1/2, 1.44, 2.19, 2.55, 3.31.
Dormouse and Lumberer—1 mile—last 1/2, 34, 1.10 1/2, 1.48, Neddie joined.
Protection and Sylph Rose—1 mile—35 1/2, 1.11, 1.46 1/2, 2.23, 2.55 1/2.
Dandy, whaler, last 1, 33, 103 4/5, 133 3/5, 2.01 3/5.
Quebec—1 mile—40, 1.18, 1.52 2/5, 2.30, 3.05, 3.39, 4.12.
Pink Rose and Mignonette Rose, 1 mile—last 1 mile 35 1/2, 1.10 1/2, 1.44 1/2, 2.18 1/2.
Ca Canny and Crow—1 mile—34 4/5, 1.10 2/5, 1.44, 2.17 2/5.
Regret, Alarm MongOOSE, and Clifton—1 mile—26, 1.10, 1.43 4/5, finished in this order.
Coronet Rose—1 mile—38, 1.13, 1.47, 2.21, 2.54, 3.26 1/2.
Disclosure—1 mile—37, 1.15 3/5, 1.49 1/2, 2.22, 2.59 3/5.
Combine—1 mile—37 1/2, 1.11 1/2, 1.46, 2.21, 2.56.
Doris Castle joined Combine.
School Girl—last 1/2 mile, 30 1/2, 1.00, 1.29.
Fiscal—1 mile—35 3/5, 1.10, 1.45, 2.17 3/5.
Eclipse—1 mile—40 1/2, 1.18, 1.55, 2.29 1/2, 3.04 1/2, 3.37 1/2.
Runaway Girl—last 1 mile, 31, 1.01, 1.31 1/2, 2.00 1/5, (2.32), whole time.
Tai Yat and Standard—1 mile—36, 1.10, 1.42 1/5.
Fair Trade's time was missed.
The Bailie and Elder—1 mile—2.58.
Jigoku—1 mile—35 2/5, 1.11, 1.46 3/5, 2.23 1/5.
Teetotum—1 mile—35, 1.07 1/5, 1.42, 2.21 1/2.
Toila and Once More—1 mile—38, 1.13, 1.49 2/5, 2.24 2/5, 2.58, 3.32, 3.44 1/2; last time for Toila.
Marchal Niel Rose—1 mile—1.42.
Modesty and Bunder—1 mile—35, 1.10, 1.43.
Emigrant and Colonist—1 mile—35, 1.09, 1.42.
Manila and Puanjandrum—1 mile—35, 1.09, 1.40 1/2.

EARLY BIRD.

THE CRICKET CLUB.

At an extraordinary meeting of members of the Hongkong Cricket Club last evening, it was decided that a new pavilion be erected on the cricket ground at a total cost not exceeding \$30,000, and that the plans of Messrs. Denison, Ram and Gibbs, subject to all necessary modifications, be accepted. It was further agreed that the Committee be authorised to raise the sum required by the issue of six per cent debentures of the face value of \$50 each, repayable at 10 yearly drawings commencing on 31st October, 1905. The annual subscriptions for civilians is to be raised from \$10 to \$15, and for naval men from \$5 to \$7 50.

THE FLEET.

THE SHOOTING OF THE "GLORY."

The prize-firing returns of the battleship *Glory*, at present serving on the China station, show good results, though far inferior to those recently obtained by the *Majestic*, which now holds the record among British battleships. With her 12-in. guns the *Glory* fired twenty-one rounds in six minutes, and made fourteen hits on this target. Her percentage of hits was therefore, sixty-six. The *Majestic*, in the same time, fired thirty-seven rounds and made twenty-three hits, or roughly, one gun per minute. The *Majestic*, though a much older ship, is, therefore, 50 per cent. more formidable as an antagonist than the *Glory*. The 6-in. guns of the *Glory* made ninety-one hits out of 149 rounds, fired for two minutes, an average of six rounds fired per minute and nearly four hits per gun. The highest number of rounds fired by a British ship in one minute from the 6-in. gun is ten, all the shots hitting the target, in the German Navy eight rounds have been fired in the same period, all shots hitting; and it is stated that in the Russian Navy nine shots have been fired with a similar result. The British Navy, therefore, will lead the world, though only by a

JAPAN.

[Specially contributed to the *Standard* by "The Japan Observer."]
One often wonders how Japan, unaided, would fare in the event of war with her powerful rival, Russia. A nation of 30,000,000, Japan, like ourselves, relies on her Navy for the protection of her Empire. With command of the sea, she would have to act purely on the defensive and the many islands forming the Empire would be open to attack singly, and for a powerful enemy the conquest of Japan might be only a question of time (and money). If Russia was successful on the sea, she has the money to carry on the war, and has not Japan an alliance with the strongest Naval Power of the world? In the war with China, the Japanese Navy consisted of one battleship, even protected, and four armoured cruisers, and about 20 smaller vessels, and we know how well they were fought.

Since then a good many ships have been added, and although Russia is numerically stronger in battleships, torpedo boats and destroyers, Japan has more cruisers, and as Russia could not take away all her ships from the Baltic and Black Sea, Japan would not be much outnumbered and, certainly not, outclassed. Under these circumstances I think the Islanders would render a very good account of themselves, for all would depend on her success at sea, and she knows it.

Her army has made equally rapid strides, and a few words on the growth of Japanese Military Power may be of interest.

Up to 1867 the Mikados were nominal rulers only—Figureheads. The Empire was "ruled" by the "Shogun," or commander-in-Chief, and divided into semi-independent fiefs ruled by Chiefs called "Daimios," whose feudal retainers, armed till about 1850, with bows and arrows and two-handed swords, formed the Army of Japan.

In 1865 the Mikado, to strengthen his power, and to overawe his truculent Daimios, applied to the French Government for assistance in the arming and training of his own retainers. The result was the arrival of a French Military Mission, one of the members being Captain Chanoiné, afterwards French Minister of War.

The outbreak of the great revolution in 1867 necessitated the return of this Mission to France. Mutsuhito, the Mikado, rose to the occasion, and called upon the Shogun to abdicate his powers, which, strange to say, he did, issuing a proclamation, in which he stated to his followers that his resignation was "best for the welfare of his country."—A patriotic Shogun!

The civil war which followed lasted till 1869, and in 1861 the Daimio power and rule was broken and abolished. Japan's modern army dates from this time and consisted of eight batteries of Artillery, two squadrons of Cavalry, nine battalions of Infantry, trained and equipped on European lines. A second French Military Mission arrived in 1872. The Imperial General who was so successful in the revolution, Saigo Turkomori by name, of the Satsuma clan, being disappointed with his position and hoping for "Shogun" powers, rebelled in 1877. The rising was crushed and Saigo killed, but not until some 15,000 men had been killed on both sides.

In 1880 Japan decided to reorganise her army on German lines, and a German Military Mission arrived in 1885.

The present Imperial Army is modelled on the German system, and in 1891 was a compact force of about 270,000 men. The Emperor (Mikado) is the head of the Army and Navy as in Germany.

Nowadays a Japanese Division, when mobilised for active service, consists of the following, and numbers 400 sabres, 36 guns, and 20,000 rifles:—
1 Cavalry Regiment (3 squadrons).
1 Artillery Regiment (2 Brigades of 3 batteries of 6 guns each).
2 Infantry Brigades (2 Regts of 3 Battalions of 4 Companies each).
1 Engineer Battalion (2 Companies, with special Bridging Company).
1 Sanitary Detachment (1 Bearer Corps, Equipment for 100 sick).
1 Ammunition Supply Battalion.
4 Infantry Ammunition Columns.
3 Artillery Ammunition Columns.
1 Horse Depot.
6 Field Hospitals.
1 Telegraph Detachment.
The Guard Division is directly under the Mikado.

The Infantry are armed with the "Arisaka" magazine rifle and bayonet, and each man carries a complete kit on his person, including a "Tente d'abri" and an entrenching tool, with 120 rounds of ammunition. The total weight carried is about 50 lbs., which the sturdy little Jap, whose average height is about 5 ft., makes nothing of.

Each unit carries two days' ordinary and two days' emergency rations, and the Supply Column three days' ordinary and one day's emergency. The 400 odd islands forming the Empire of Japan have a population of about 40 million, and every male is liable for service between the ages of 17 and 40, so that, Japan, fighting for her existence, would be no easy nut to crack.

A friend of the writer's, with the Japanese Army during the China War, has said of them:—"The same energy, zeal, faithful service and self-sacrifice were shown whether the troops were in Divisions, Regiments or in small parties, as well as by individuals on lonely sentry posts."

SHIPPING AND MAILES.

MAILES DUE.
Canadian (*Empress of Japan*) 15th inst.
Indian (*Nanning*) 16th inst.
German (*Gura*) 16th inst.
German (*Roon*) 18th inst.
American (*Roon*) 1st prox.
American (*Galle*) 1st prox.
The S.S. *Eastern* from Sydney, leaves Manila to-morrow, and is due here on the 14th inst.
The B.S.S. *California* leaves Manila for this port at 3 p.m. yesterday, and is expected here on 14th inst.
The H.A.L. *San Antonio* from Hongkong, leaves for this port at 10 a.m. to-morrow, and may be expected here on 15th inst.
The S.S. *California* from Hongkong, leaves for this port at 10 a.m. to-morrow, and may be expected here on 15th inst.
The Imperial German Mail, *Prinzess Alice*, leaves for Hongkong at 10 a.m. to-morrow, and may be expected here on 15th inst.
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TELEGRAMS.

(Rutgers.)

War.

London, 10th February.
(Delayed in transmission.)

Owing to a lack of Naval Officers, all Ensigns in the Russian Navy, were yesterday granted commissions. The Tsar addressing them said: "A treacherous foe had in the darkness of the night attacked our fortress fleet."

M. Kurino has left St. Petersburg. A British proclamation of neutrality will appear to-morrow.

The Japanese fleet has bombarded Port Arthur, the Russian battleship *Poltava* and the cruisers *Diana*, *Askold* and *Novik* were damaged on the waterline. The gunboat *Korietz* was sunk and the cruiser *Varyag* hopelessly disabled at Chemulpo. The crews took refuge in a French cruiser.

The Tsar has issued a manifesto which is virtually a declaration of war.

The Stock Market.

11th February.

Russian bonds have fallen $\frac{1}{2}$ % and Japanese have risen $\frac{1}{2}$ %, reflecting fairly the feeling in London.

The European Press on the War.

All the British papers unite in congratulating Japan on the brilliant opening of the campaign. Even the German papers ridicule the Russian talk of treachery because they were attacked without a declaration of war.

The United States and the War.

The Washington Cabinet has decided to maintain strict neutrality. Mr. Hay's proposals contemplate the restricting of hostilities within the smallest possible area and are regarded as implying that neither Russia nor Japan will be allowed to invade China proper.

The War.

February, 12th.

Lieut. General Sir William Nicholson and Col. James Haldane, British Attachés to the Japanese Army have started for the Far East. Contractors have undertaken to complete the railway line across Lake Baikal by the 28th inst., or earlier.

Russian Bonds.

The Russian Ministry of Finance warns the public against sacrificing Russian securities, owing to heavy falls; he expects a calmer attitude, and though temporary difficulties are possible, Russia's economic power is unshakable. This is a significant indication of the sensation caused throughout Russia.

French War-Ships for the Far East.

Several cruisers and destroyers are preparing at Brest and Toulon to proceed to the Far East. Six thousand tons of coal briquettes have been hastily despatched to Saigon.

WATER RETURN.

Level and Storage of Water in Reservoirs on the 1st February.

	1903.	1904.
Tytam...	22' 2" below	27' 4" below
Pokfulam...	28' 0" below	31' 10" below
Wong-nai...	31' 0" below	23' 9" below
cheong...	overflow	overflow
STORAGE GALLONS.		
Tytam.....	222,520,000	192,400,000
Pokfulam.....	10,645,000	6,160,000
Wong-nai-cheong	2,369,000	7,382,000
Total.....	235,534,000	205,942,000

Consumption of Water in the City of Victoria and Hill District during the month of January.

	1903.	1904.
Consumption...	72,81,000	82,761,000 gallons
Estimated population...	217,200	222,100
Consumption per head per day...	10.7	11.7 gallons

Intermittent supply in force during the whole of January in both years. Though the quantity in reservoirs is 29 millions less than in 1903, it is 115 millions more than in 1902.

Consumption of Water in Kowloon Peninsula during the month of January.

	1903.	1904.
Consumption.....	13,248,000	14,481,000 gallons
Estimated population...	60,000	65,900
Consumption per head per day...	7.1	7.0 gallons

The Government Analyst reports that the water is of excellent quality.

W. CHATHAM,
Water Authority.

A DEED of heroism at sea is recalled by the announcement that the committee of Lloyd's have decided to give their "meritorious service" medal to Mr. A. M. Buckland, late chief officer, and Mr. A. G. Tollemache, the third officer of the steamer *Umanu*. The *Umanu* in May last, while on a voyage from Colombo to Natal, with ten European passengers and 480 Indian immigrants, went ashore on one of the Maldivian islands, and was in imminent danger. The two officers volunteered to sail the ship's lifeboat to Colombo, 200 miles away, for assistance, and after nine days' voyage, during which they experienced many hardships, they reached that place and were saved.

THE WAR.

RUSSIAN COMMERCE DESTROYERS AT WORK.

A JAPANESE MERCHANT VESSEL SUNK.

We are indebted to the courtesy of Mr. M. Noma, H.M. Japanese Consul, for communication of the following telegram:—

Tokio, 12th February.

"On the 11th inst., two of our merchant steamers, the *Nakamura Maru* and *Zensho Maru*, when on their way from Sakata to Otaru, were attacked and surrounded by four Russian cruisers near Henashiki (Aomori Ken). The *Nakamura Maru* was sunk and the *Zensho Maru* escaped without injury to Fukuyama. These four Russian war-ships are still cruising around the Northern coast of Japan.

The place where this attack took place, near Henashiki, is off the island of Yezo, almost directly opposite Vladivostok, from which it is probable that the Russian cruisers were detached from the squadron in that port. The *Nakamura Maru* was most probably sunk by the Muscovite war-ships because she refused to surrender, as it is not likely that they would have destroyed her out of sheer wantonness. The courageous action of the officers and crew of this cargo-boat, who refused to be captured and preferred to go down with their colours flying rather than surrender, is typical of the spirit that pervades the Japanese nation in the struggle now begun.

SWIFT RETALIATION.

The Mitsui Bussan Kaisha has kindly communicated the following wire, from which it would appear that a swift retribution has overtaken the cruisers that raided the *Nakamura Maru* and *Zensho Maru*:—

"Three Russian cruisers have been destroyed by our torpedo boats off the coast of Aomori Ken."

It would seem from the above that the Japanese Naval Authorities, on hearing of the sinking of the *Nakamura Maru*, sent out a torpedo flotilla to scour the coast, with the results contained in the telegram.

THE PORT ARTHUR ENGAGEMENT.

ADMIRAL TOGO'S REPORT.

Mr. M. Noma, Consul for Japan, received this morning the following telegram containing an abbreviated report, by Admiral Togo, Commander-in-Chief of the combined squadron, of the engagements at Port Arthur, and kindly forwarded us the same for publication:—

"At midnight, on the 8th inst., our torpedo flotilla made a successful attack on the Russian fleet which was at anchor in the outer roads of Port Arthur. On the following morning, the 9th, at 10 o'clock the combined squadrons steamed up to attack the Russian fleet and, after an engagement, which lasted forty minutes, these last retreated into the inner harbour. At 1 p.m. we ceased firing and withdrew. Our ships suffered but slight damage, and none were lost. Our total casualties are: 4 killed and 54 wounded. The Imperial Princes serving with the squadron are safe. Our torpedo flotilla rejoined the main squadron after the battle. Officers and men alike behaved admirably, and from their coolness and self-possession during the fight one might have supposed they were engaged in ordinary manoeuvres."

The above report confirms the previous accounts of the two engagements at Port Arthur already published in these columns, and, although no mention is made of the Russian men-of-war being sunk, the words "our torpedo flotilla made a successful attack" would seem to imply that some of the enemy's fleet must have suffered,

THE "KING ALFRED."

The British armoured cruiser *King Alfred*, commanded by Capt. H. G. King Hall, D.S.O. is expected in Hongkong to-day with relief crews for the first-class battleship *Gloria*, which flies the flag of Admiral Sir Cyprian A. Bridge, Commander-in-Chief on the China Station. We understand that the crew of the *Gloria*, which was commissioned three years ago, will be paid off on Monday, and the vessel re-commissioned for a further period of service. The *King Alfred*, which we believe is to return home with the time expired men from the *Gloria*, is a sister ship of the *Leviathan* and is one of the four armoured cruisers of the Drake class. She is a vessel of 14,100 tons, 31,156 horsepower and 23.46 knots speed. Her armament consists of two 9.2-in., sixteen 6-in., fourteen 12-pdr., three 3-pdr., and nine light guns. Her complement is 813 and her coal capacity 2,500 tons.

"WAKASA MARU" DETAINED AT COLOMBO.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha inform us that telegraphic advices to hand from their agents in Colombo state that the S. S. *Wakasa Maru*, which left London on 20th October, 1903, is held up in Colombo for the time being, but her passengers for the Straits, China, and Japan have been transferred to the Mail steamers, *Sydney* and *Yokohama*. This is probably owing to the proximity of the powerful Russian squadron

of two cruisers and twelve destroyers which left Suez for the Far East on the 22nd of last month. These war vessels must be somewhere between Colombo and Singapore, although nothing has been heard of them since their departure from the Canal.

ANOTHER WAR CORRESPONDENT IN HONGKONG.

Among the passengers by the P. and O. *Ballaarat*, which arrived this morning was Mr. George Lynch, the war correspondent for the *Daily Chronicle* and the London *Sphere*. Mr. Lynch, who is accompanied by Mrs. Lynch, began life by entering on an exploring expedition through the deserts of Western Australia and afterwards visited the Pacific Islands. During the Spanish-American war in 1898 he represented the *Daily Chronicle*. The outbreak of war in South Africa saw him again in the field as the *Illustrated London News* correspondent. He was wounded in the battle of Reitfontein, in the early part of the siege of Ladysmith, and was captured by the Boers, while making an attempt to escape. After spending a month in Pretoria as prisoner he was liberated and returned to London. He was again at the front with the expedition to the relief of the Legations at Peking and after a visit to Japan he went to the United States for the *Daily Mail*. He has published "The War of the Civilisations"; "Realities"; "Impressions of a War Correspondent"; and "From Peking to Piccadilly."

HONGKONG'S NEUTRALITY.

With reference to the Proclamation issued yesterday, His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to direct that the Acting Harbour Master shall be the officer specially entrusted with the carrying out of the instructions contained therein.

FRANCE'S NEUTRALITY.

Mr. G. E. Liebert, Consul for the French Republic, has courteously informed us that he has received an official telegram from Paris stating that the French Government had decided on maintaining an attitude of strict neutrality during the present hostilities between Japan and Russia, and giving rigorous instructions as to the attitude to be maintained by all French subjects. This decision of our neighbours and friends will be welcome news to many who were doubtful as to the policy that would be adopted by the Republic, and feared that some secret convention existed with Russia that would oblige France to intervene in the present struggle, and consequently bring about serious complication.

CABLE COMMUNICATION.

Mr. Olaf Nielsen, Superintendent of the Great Northern Telegraph Co., informs us that this Company's cable to Shanghai continues in excellent working order, but as under the present circumstances, it has to carry the whole of the very heavy traffic, there is great delay (at present about 24 hours) on telegrams.

Mr. J. M. Beck, Superintendent of the Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company, states that a local delay of at least 24 hours is to be expected on telegrams which may be handed in for the North.

On telegrams for the Straits &c., India and Europe via Eastern the local delay is at present about two hours, but this is likely to be largely increased as the day proceeds.

JAPANESE CRUISERS DELAYED AT SINGAPORE.

BAD COALING FACILITIES.

The continued delay in the departure of the Japanese cruisers *Nishin* and *Kasuga* from Singapore has aroused a good deal of speculation. It was freely hinted yesterday, says the local *Times* of 5th inst., that in view of the alarming situation raised by the Russian threat of an ultimatum on Saturday, the cruisers had been officially detained until the horizon momentarily cleared; of course such a theory was absurd on the face of it, for while there is a Russian squadron behind, the vessels have a clear run to Japan. A much simpler solution of the cruisers' detention is found in the fact that they have not yet finished coaling. The cruisers arrived at Singapore on Tuesday and, with the exception of one or two short breaks, they have been coaling ever since. It seems that the facilities for coaling the cruisers are exceptionally poor. There are only two small shoots on each side of the vessel and no matter how many coolies were set to carry the baskets from the tongkangs to the warships the work of filling the bunkers would proceed no quicker. Most warships are so built that they can take in coal at the rate of 300 tons an hour or more if necessary; the British battleships and cruisers are continually breaking records so far as the time occupied in filling the bunkers is concerned. But it is all a matter of facilities and conveniences. The Mitsui Bussan Kaisha are in charge of the coaling operations and Mr. Ono, the manager, stated to-day that they had been putting the coal on board as fast as it could be bunkered. "If there had been any delay we would have been responsible for it; but there has been no delay—the coal is being put on board as quickly as it can be received. We are putting 2,300 tons on board the two vessels. Up to this morning 600 tons had been put aboard each cruiser. We expect to finish coaling to-night or early to-morrow morning. The vessels leave immediately they have coaled."

Some 40 of the crews, who were discharged here yesterday, have been re-engaged in proceed to Yokohama at a bonus of £3 per man. Several of them had rather a rough time of it last night. As they could not find accommodation, they were forced to sleep out in the vicinity of the Drill Hall.

The Russian steamer *Odessa*, which is carrying 2,000 troops and a large quantity of stores, has left Suez for the Far East.

It is stated that Russia has ordered the whole of the 10th Army Corps of 37,000 men to proceed from Europe to Manchuria with the least possible delay.

The Russian cruiser *Almaz*, which the Tsar has placed at the disposal of Admiral Alexeieff, is a vessel of 3,200 tons, and capable of a speed of 23 knots. Internally she is fitted up as a yacht rather than a war vessel, though she is fairly well armed and carries a big crew. The cabins, especially those for Admiral Alexeieff, are very roomy, and suitable for receptions and entertainments, the dining saloon being capable of seating 80 persons. In the event of hostilities she would probably act as a despatch-boat or tender to the fleet.

COMMERCIAL.

Messrs. Erich Georg & Co. writing under to-day's date state:—War has at last broken out between Russia and Japan, but it is to be hoped that the hostilities may be localized, and that none of the Great Western Powers will be drawn into the conflict. Business, under such circumstances, has been very limited and chiefly confined to shipping shares, in which some trade has been done at rising rates; but the market even for these shares closes somewhat quieter, the rising sterling exchange naturally influencing the market adversely. The sterling demand rate on London is 1s. 11 1/2d, while the rates on Shanghai are quite nominal, the money market being disturbed on account of the approaching Chinese New Year.

WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly and Potts write yesterday as follows:—The market continues dull and neglected and apart from the further rise in Indo-China and China and Manilla, the week has passed without anything worthy of note.

The Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited, has advertised its thirty-fifth ordinary annual meeting for the 5th March. The transfer books will be closed from the 20th instant to the 5th proximo, both days inclusive.

Notice has been given of the thirty-fifth ordinary meeting of shareholders in the China Fire Insurance Company, Limited, to be held on the 10th March. The transfer books will be closed from the 25th instant to the 10th proximo, inclusive.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have been negotiating during the week at \$64 1/2 and close yesterday at \$64. The balance sheet for the year 1903 has been published. The net profits, including \$1,435,683.17, balance brought forward from last account, after paying all charges, deducting interest paid and due, and making provision for bad and doubtful accounts amount to \$3,771,886.08. The Directors recommend the transfer of \$500,000 from the profit and loss account to credit of the silver reserve fund, which fund will then stand at \$6,500,000. After making this transfer and deducting remuneration to directors, there remains for appropriation \$3,256,886.08, out of which the directors recommend the payment of a dividend of thirty shillings and a bonus of ten shillings per share, which, at 4/6, will altogether absorb \$711,111.11. The difference in exchange between 4/6, the rate at which the dividend and bonus are declared, and 1/8 1/2, the rate of the day, amounts to \$1,128,368.80. The balance to be carried forward to new profit and loss account is \$1,417,366.08. The latest quotation in London is £61. Nationals can be placed at \$33.

Marine Insurance.—All stocks under this heading are quiet and with the exception of a slight decline in China Traders rates remain unchanged.

Fire Insurances.—Hongkong Fires are wanted at \$305. China Fires can probably be obtained at \$92.

Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats have fallen to \$24 1/2 the dividend of \$14 paid on the 8th instant. Indo-China have experienced a further marked improvement and after sales at various prices close slightly weaker at \$84. China and Manilla have been done at rapidly advancing rates up to \$55, at which figure more shares are offering. Douglas Steamships have risen to \$35. Star Ferries continue dull at quotations. Shell Transp. are to be had at £1 1/4. Taku Tugs are reported sold at Tls. 35, and are in further request at the rate. Shanghai Tugs have been booked at Tls. 46 for the ordinary and at Tls. 43 for the preference shares.

Refineries.—China Sugars have changed hands at \$107. Luzons are neglected at \$10.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have further weakened and now close at \$107. In their report for the half-year ended 31st December, 1903, the directors state that the net profit for that period, after paying interest due and all charges, amounts to \$314,396.34, to which has to be added the balance brought forward from last account of \$314,293.70, making a total of \$628,690.04. After deducting from this amount the directors' and auditors' fees of altogether \$10,750, there remains available for appropriation the sum of \$617,939.04. It is proposed to pay a dividend of 12 per cent. (or \$6 per share) and a bonus of 2 per cent. (or \$1 per share) and write \$42,599.35 off the value of Kowloon Docks, leaving the balance of \$425,340.69 to be carried forward. Earnings have considerably improved and are in demand at Tls. 131. Kowloon Wharves can be placed at \$95, and Hongkew Wharves continue in request at Tls. 200.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Lands are in the market at \$150. Shanghai

Lands have been dealt in at Tls. 113. There is no change in either West Point or Kowloon. Hongkong Hotels are steady with sales at \$146. Humphreys' Estate have changed hands at \$10.60 ex the dividend of 90 cents paid on the 11th instant. Sales of China Providents have also been made at \$5.

Cotton Mills.—Ewos have dropped to Tls. 31 and are offering at the rate, otherwise there is no change to report.

Cigar Companies.—Sumatras are inquired for at Tls. 52. At a meeting of the directors held in Shanghai on the 5th instant, it was decided to recommend the payment to shareholders of a final dividend of 15 per cent. making 30 per cent. for the year.

Miscellaneous.—Green Island Cements are still on offer at \$25 1/2. A. S. Watsons have again been done at \$14 1/2. There are sellers of Electrics at \$12 1/2 and \$7 for the old and new shares respectively. Hongkong Ice paid their dividend of \$12 on the 11th instant and we now quote the stock at \$230. Hongkong Ropes have been disposed of at \$140 ex the dividend of \$10 paid on the 8th instant. William Powells are wanted after sales at \$92. Langkats have inquiries at Tls. 300.

YARN MARKET.

In their report, dated 12th instant, Messrs. Cawajee, Pallanjee & Co. write:—Our Yarn market during the interval under review remained very firm. Reports from almost all the consuming districts have been very satisfactory, both as regards consumption and prices, and dealers as well as speculators in anticipation of a brisk trade after the Chinese New Year (16th inst.) holidays, have further strengthened the market by forcing up values from Dollars One to six over previous high rates. The demand has run on almost all counts and description with the exception of Nos. 6 and 8, which are not in request. The greatest advance is to be noticed in Nos. 10 and 12 which are still inquired for at higher rates, and in which dealers as well as speculators are highly interested. A fair amount of business transpired in Nos. 20 and 16 at an advance of \$1 to \$3 per bale and selected threads are inquired for at still higher rates. Nos. 12 and 10 ruled very firm and with an advance of \$2 to \$6 per bale on last mail's quotations, a very good business is reported. Nos. 8 and 6 are not inquired for. Sales during the past fortnight comprise of about 3,435 bales of No. 10; 525 bales of No. 16; and 1,100 bales of No. 20; in all about 6,800 bales. Arrivals during the fortnight per steamers *Chusan*, *Suisan*, *Capri*, and *Catherine Apour* of about 7,000 bales. Shipments to Shanghai and the Northern Ports about 2,000 bales. The unsold stock is estimated at about 35,000 bales.

Local Yarn.—No business is reported. Japanese Yarn.—Sales are reported of about 1,750 bales of No. 30 at \$135 to \$140 per bale. Exchange.—With various fluctuations improved and business was done on India at Rs. 143 per cent. London at Sh. 1.11 1/2=

FORTNIGHTLY MARKET REPORT.

Cotton.—Higher rates checked consumption, and sales are reported of about 100 bales at \$29 per picul. The unsold stock is estimated at about 1,800 bales. No sales are reported in Chinese Cotton. Stock is about 250 bales.

Yarn.—Ruled very firm and sales are reported of about 6,800 bales at an advance of from \$2 to \$6 per bale on previous rates. The unsold stock is estimated at about 35,000 bales. No sales are reported in local production. Japanese yarn about 1,700 bales changed hands at \$135 to \$140 per bale.

Malwa Opium.—A very good business is reported during the fortnight at advancing rates. Sales.—New about 13 chests at \$900 to \$920—Old about 72 chests at \$900 to \$990—Older about 71 chests at \$1,010 to \$1,090—Oldest about 51 chests at \$1,100 to \$1,160 per picul, in all about 207 chests. The unsold stock is estimated at about 1,227 chests.

Bengal Opium.—Prices showed varied and extensive fluctuations. Sales are reported of Patna about 672 chests at \$1,295 to \$1,330. Benares about 214 chests at \$1,285 to \$1,325. In all about 886 chests. The unsold stock is Patna about 647 chests, Benares about 344 chests; in all about 991 chests.

Persian Opium.—No sales are reported amongst the Chinese. Stock about 1,660 chests.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS. (Prices per picul.)	
Malwa New	\$900 to \$920
" Old	950 to 990
" Older	1,000 to 1,060
" Oldest	1,090 to 1,130
Patna	1,285
Benares	1,280
Persian	850 to 930
Cloves	15 to 40
Saltpeetre	10 to 11
Tinleaves	106 to 108
Senna leaves	4 to 5
Sandlewood	28 to 32
Vermillion	88 to 90
Cawbazar	142
Grapes	20
Sandlewood Oil	350 to 400
Rosa Oil	75 to 175
Cassia Oil	165
Fennelseed Oil	310
Ivory	300 to 800
Camphor (Chinese)	115
Wax (Japan)	48 to 50
Apricots	27 to 29
Borax	18 to 20
Beans	3 to 4
Glue	28

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

Selling.

London—Bank T.T.	1/11 1/2
Do. demand	1/11 3/16
Do. 4 months' sight	1/11 7/16
France—Bank T.T.	243
America—Bank T.T.	46 1/2
Germany—Bank T.T.	1,971
India T.T.	1,424
Do. demand	1,424
Shanghai—Bank T.T.	70 1/2
Japan—Bank T.T.	95 1/2
Singapore—Bank T.T.	Nominal
Java—Bank T.T.	1,100

4 months' sight L/C	1/11 1/2
6 months' sight L/C	1/11 3/16
30 days' sight San Francisco & New York	47 1/2
4 months' sight do.	47 1/2
30 days' sight Sydney and Melbourne	1/11 1/2
4 months' sight France	243
6 months' sight do.	243
4 months' sight Germany	1,971
6 months' sight do.	1,971
Bar Silver	26 13/16
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FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"PAKLING"	On 13th February.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"IDOMENEUS"	On 17th February.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"AGAMEMNON"	On 21st February.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"MENELAUS"	On 25th February.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"RHIPHEUS"	On 29th February.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"MACHAON"	On 4th March.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"TELEMACHUS"	On 8th March.
S.S. "PAKLING" left Singapore 7th inst., at daylight, and is due here 13th inst.		
S.S. "IDOMENEUS" left Singapore on 11th inst., p.m., and is due here on 17th inst.		

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LONDON & ANTWERP	"KINTUCK"	On 20th February.
*GENOA, MARSEILLES & L'POOL	"KEEMUN"	On 24th February.
LONDON & ANTWERP	"MOYUNE"	On 28th February.
LONDON & ANTWERP	"GLAUCUS"	On 3rd March.
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Roman Catholic Cathedral:—Mass at 6 a.m.,
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5.30 p.m.

German Bethesda Chapel, West Point:—
Morning Service, 11 a.m.

St. Francis' Church, Wanchai:—Mass (Chin.)
6 a.m., (Port.), 7.30 a.m. Benediction,
5 p.m.

St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road:—Morning
Service (English), 9 a.m.

St. Anthony's Chapel, West Point:—Mass,
8 a.m.

Wesleyan Methodist Church:—Morning Ser-
vice, at St. Andrew's Hall, during the en-
largement of the Church, at 10.15 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class at the
Soldiers and Sailors Home, Arsenal Street,
at 3 p.m., Evening Service at the Soldiers
and Sailors Home, at 6 p.m.

Union Church:—Services, 11 a.m., and 6 p.m.

St. Peter's Seamen's Church.

Queen's Road West.

Holy Communion 7.30 a.m.

Matins 11 a.m., Venite, Jones; Te Deum,
Woodward; Benedictus, Troutbeck; Hymns,
125, 396, 371 and 367.

Evangelist 6.30 p.m., Magnificat, Goss;
Cantate, Crotch; Hymns, 122, 364, 333 and 362.

The Church launch *Dayspring* will call on
ships carrying white crews to bring friends
ashore to the services between 9.15 and 10.30
a.m., and between 5.15 and 6 p.m., (Kowloon
Police Pier, 10.30 and 6 p.m.); returning after-
wards. The Answering Bells are the Call
flag. All the sittings are free and unappropri-
ated. Visitors welcome. Books, &c. provided.
Sunday school 10 to 10.45 a.m.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong.

The following will be the order of service
to-morrow:—

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY.

Holy Communion 7.30 a.m., Matins 11 a.m.

Responses: Tallis; Venite; Alcock; Psalms:
Robinson and Dupuis; Te Deum; Calkin in D;
Benedictus; Havergal in E; Anthem; "From
all that dwell below the skies"—Walmisley;
Hymns: 262 and 273.

Evangelist 5.45 p.m., Responses: Tallis;
Psalms: Smart, Purcell, Felton and Wood-
ward; Magnificat: Davy in D; Nunc Dimittis:
Dupuis in A minor; Hymns: 210, 267 and 192;
Vesper Hymn: Ward.

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" Breast—Ngau Lam	17
" Soup, Tong Yuk	17
" Steak—Ngau Yuk Pa	17
" Serjain—Ngau Lau	17
" Sausages—Ngau Yuk Chung	17
Bullock's Brains—Know	17
" Tongue fresh—Ngau Li	17
" Corned—Ham Ngau Li	17
" Head—Ngau Tau	17
" Heart—Ngau Tau	17
" Hump, Salt—Ngau Kim	17
" Feet—Ngau Kerk	17
" Kidneys—Ngau Yiu	17
" Tail—Ngau Mei	17
" Liver—Ngau Con	17
" Tripe (undressed)—Ngau To	17
Calves' Head and Feet—Ngau-chai	17
" tau-keok	17
Mutton Chop—Yeung Pai Kw	17
" Leg—Yeung Pei	17
" Shoulder—Yeung Shau	17
Pigs' Chitlings—Chi cheong	17
" Brains—Chi Know	17
" Feet—Chi Kerk	17
" Fry—Chi Chak	17
" Head—Chi Tau	17
" Heart—Chi Sum	17
" Kidneys—Chi Yiu	17
" Liver—Chi Kon	17
Pork, Chop—Chi Pai Kwat	17
" Corned—Ham Chu Yuk	17
" Leg—Chu Pei	17
" Fat or Lard—Chu Yau	17
Sheeps' Head and Feet—Yeung Tau	17
" Keok	17
" Heart—Yeung Sum	17
" Kidneys—Yeung Yiu	17
" Liver—Yeung Con	17
Sucking Pigs, To Order—Chu Chai	17
Suet, Beef—Sang Ngau Yau	17
" Mutton—Sang Yeung Yau	17
" Veal—Ngau Chai Yuk	17
" Sausages—Ngau Chai Yuk Tong	17

POULTRY.

Chicken—Kai Chai	27
" Capons, Large, Small—Sin Kai	27
Ducks—Ap	27
Doves—Pak Kan	27
Eggs, Hen—Kai Tan	27
" Fowls, Canton—Kai	27
" Hainan—Koi Nam Kai	27
Geese—Ngai	27
" Wild Shanghai—Sheung Hoi Ye	27
Musk Deer—Wong Keng	27
Hare—Tu Chai	27
Partridge—Che Khoo	27
Pheasant—Shan Kai	27
Pigeons, Canton—Pak Kup	27
" Hoihow—Hoihow Pak Kup	27
Quail—Um Chun	27
" Rice Birds—Wo Fa Cheuk	27
Snipe—Sa Chui	27
Turkeys, Cook—Fo Kai Kung	27
" Hen—Na	27
Wild Ducks, Shanghai, Sul-ap	27
Teal, Shanghai, Sul Ap Chai	27
Wild Ducks Canton—Sang Shing Sui	27
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FISH.

Barbel—Ka Yu	13
Bream—Yin Yu	13
Canton Fresh Water Fish—Hoi Sin Yu	13
Carp—Li Yu	13
Catfish—Chik Yu	13
Codfish—Mun Yu	13
Croaker—Fai	13
Cuttle Fish—Mak Yu	13
Dab—Ka Mang Yu	13
Dace—Wong Mei Yu	13

Dog Fish—Tik Tu Sa	15
Eels, Congor—Hoi Man Yu	15
" Fresh water—Tam Sui Yu	15
" Yellow—Wong Sin	15
Frogs—Tien Kai	15
Garoupa—Sek Pan	15
Gudgeon—Pak Kup Yu	15
Herrings—Tsoi Pak	15
Halibut—Cheung Kwan Yu	15
Labrus—Wong Fa Yu	15
Loach—Wu Yu	15
Lobsters—Lung Ha	15
Mackerel—Chi Yu	15
Monk Fish—Mon Yu	15
Mullet—Chai Yu	15
Oysters—Sang Hoo	15
Parrotfish—Kai Kung Yu	15
Perch—Tau Loo	15
Pike—Fa Paw Poong	15
Pomfret, Black—Hak Chong	15
Pomfret, White—Pak Chong	15
Prawns—Ming Ha	15
Ray—Pei Pa Sa	15
Rock Fish—Sek Kau Kung	15
Roach—Chun Yu	15
Salmon, (C'ton), fresh water—Ma Yau	15
Shark—Sa Yu	15
Skate—Po Yu	15
Shrimps—Ha	15
Snapper—Lap Yu	15
Soles—Tat Sa Yu	15
Tench—Wan Yu	15
Turbot—Cho Hoi Yu	15
Turtles, small, fresh water—Keok Yu	15
White Bait—Ngan Yu Chai	15

FRUITS.

Almond—Hung Yan	15
Apples, (California)—Kam San Ping	15
Ko	15
(Chefoo)—Tin Chun Ping	15
Ko	15
Small—Hoi Tong	15
Custard—Fan Lai Chi	15
Bananas, fragrant, Canton—Sang Sheng	15
Heang Chiu	15
(brides), Macao—Sang Sheng Chiu	15
Chestnuts, Chinese—Foong Lut	15
Carambola—Yeung Tou	15
Cocanuts—Yeh Tai	15
Grapes—Sin Tai Ts	15
Lemons, China—Ning Moong	15
Amer.—Kum San Ning Moong	15
Liches, Dried—Lai Chi Con	15
Fresh, Lai Chi	15
Limes, (Saigon)—Sai Kung Ning	15
Moong	15
Mango, Manila—Lui Sung Mong	15
Mango, Saigon—Sai Kung Moong	15
Mangosteen, San Chuk Ts	15
Oranges, (Canton)—Sang Sheng Tim	15
Chang	15
Small—Tai Kut	15
Mandarin—Tim Kut	15
Olives—Pak Lam	15
Pears, (American)—Kam San Shut Li	15
(Canton), Cooking—Sa Li	15
(Shanghai)—Sheung Hoi Li	15
Peanuts, —Fa Sang	15
Persimmons Large, —Hung Chie	15
Pine-apples, 1st quality—Sheung Poon	15
Ti Paw-law	15
and coc-ing—Chung-tang	15
Paw-law	15
Platams—Tai Chen	15
Plums, Swatow—Hung Lo	15
Pumelo, Siam—Ching Lo Yau	15
Walnuts, Hop Too	15
Green—Sang Hop, Tung	15

Arrivals

Clearances at the Harbour Office.

Departures

Parsons arrived.

Shipping Reports.

Steamers Expected

Ships Passed The Canal.

Arrivals at Home—23rd January—*König Albert*. 27th January—*Formosa*. 30th January—*Marburg*. *Salasie*. *Achilles*. 3rd February—*Indramayo*. *Kawachi Maru*. 6th February—*Bingo Maru*. 9th February—*Manila*. *Shenandoah*. *Prometheus*.

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